

Responsive Reading

Congregation follows along by reading the bold print out loud.

Acts 17:16-30

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there. A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, "What is this babbling trying to say?"

Others remarked, "He seems to be advocating foreign gods." They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection. Then they took him and brought him to a meeting of the Areopagus, where they said to him,

"May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?"

**You are bringing some strange ideas to our ears,
and we want to know what they mean."**

(All the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there spent their time doing nothing but talking about and listening to the latest ideas.) Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious.

**For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription:
TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.**

Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands.

And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

'For in him we live and move and have our being.'

As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man's design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent."

Sermon Resources

Luther saw it was the whole man who was corrupt and needed God's forgiveness, not just particular sins that one by one could be erased by proper Church-defined actions. The particular sins were but symptoms of a more fundamental sickness in man's soul that required healing. One could not purchase redemption, step by step, through good works or through the legalisms of penance or other sacraments, not to mention the infamous indulgences. Only Christ could save the whole man, and only man's faith in Christ could justify man before God.

Yet perhaps the most fundamental element in the genesis of the Reformation was the emerging spirit of rebellious, self-determining individualism, and particularly the growing impulse for intellectual and spiritual independence, which had now developed to that crucial point where a potentially critical stand could be sustained against the West's highest cultural authority, the Roman Catholic Church.

Indeed, the very foundation for the reformers' appeal to objective truth would provoke its dialectical collapse. Luther's stress on the literal meaning of Scripture as the exclusive reliable basis for knowledge of God's creation was to present the modern mind with an impossible tension as it confronted the distinctly unbiblical revelations soon to be established by secular science.

—The Passion of the Western Mind, Richard Tarnas

Churches Without Walls

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP DAY

Join City Church and her sister churches in the 3rd Annual Glendale & Neighborhood Clean-up Day on Sunday, May 21, 2006, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. The meeting place is Pacific Park, located at the 500 block of Kenilworth. Free food will be provided. For more information contact Marcel Schwantes at 818/408-8209

HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM

CINCO is looking for volunteers to assist the Healthy Families Program, which offers free/low cost insurance for children of low-income families. For further information please contact Guadulesa at (323) 255-9030 x 29

City Church Announcements

Gillian Nielsen. The mother of John Nielsen passed away March 28, 2006 of breast cancer. A celebration of life will be held at the Albany Seventh-day Adventist Church in Oregon today. Memorial contributions can be made to Evergreen Hospice c/o Workman & Steckly Funeral Chapel, 1443 Long Street, Sweet Home, OR 97386.

Display Case. Please visit the display case in the Narthex. The Apolonio family members are currently sharing their memories with us.

Family Worship Service. Our next family worship service is May 13. Hope to see you there.

Interested in joining a Sign-language Choir? Contact Pastor Denise or the Church Office, or mark a pew card and place it in an offering plate.

Graduations. If you know of anyone from our church family who is graduating (at any level) this year please let us know. Write their name and graduation details on one of the information cards located on the backs of the pews and place it in the offering plate or call the church office.

Worthy Student Applications. As a reminder applications must be renewed each year. Awards are based on financial need and funds available. The due date for applications this year is Monday, June 12, 2006. Applications may be picked up at the Church Office or you may call and request to have one mailed to you.

Camerata of Los Angeles. Vallejo Drive will hold this special choral/orchestral concert on May 6 at 7:45 p.m. They will perform J. S. Bach's B Minor Mass with 75 performing artists as well as David Strouse, organist. For ticket information please call Bruce at 818/487-2821 or the church office at 818/246-2476.

Cell Phones and Beepers. Please turn off all electronic devices or switch them to silent mode. Thank you.

Mark Your Calendar

Today

Elder of the Day
Betty Glenn-Miller

May 4

Family Night

May 20 A+ 25th Anniversary

Guest Speaker: Shawn Boonstra

Sunset tonight – 7:29 p.m. Sunset next Friday – 7:34 p.m.

Order of Worship

10:50 am – 12:10 pm

Prelude	"Cantabile" Louis Mo, <i>violin</i> ; Kemp Smeal, <i>organ</i>	<i>N. Paganini</i>
Morning Hymn	"O God, Unseen, Yet Ever Near"	No. 405
Entering of the Light	Ellee & Vivien Lee Posner	
Call to Worship	Mitchell Henson	
	We have gathered to worship to listen to covenant to praise your name to remember our heritage to celebrate our destiny. Oh God, we joyfully receive your grace.	
Anthem	"Jesus is Alive" Sunshine Singers	<i>C. Berry</i>
Worship in Giving	Betty Glenn-Miller	
Morning Offering	<i>C. Hampton</i>	
Offertory	"Fairest Lord Jesus" Sunshine Singers	
Children's Sermon	Denise Kasischke	
Greeting & Prayers of the Congregation	Mitchell Henson	
Prayer Response	<p><i>Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, oh hear us when we pray, Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, oh hear us when we pray.</i></p>	
Scripture	Lillian Buchhammer	
Special Music	"Aus der Heimant" Louis Mo, <i>violin</i> ; Kemp Smeal, <i>organ</i>	<i>S. Smetana</i>
Sermon	"The Enlightenment"	Mitchell Henson
Blessing & Sending	<p>The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.</p>	
Postlude	"Allegro" Louis Mo, <i>violin</i> ; Kemp Smeal, <i>organ</i>	<i>G. F. Handel</i>

Sabbath School Options

<u>Class</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Symbols/Leaders</u>
Beginners	0-3 yrs	Room 3	Elephant
Kindergarten	3-5 yrs	Room 4	Giraffe
Primary	6-9	Room 2	Eagle
Junior	10-13 yrs	Room 1	Lion
Teen	14-18 yrs	Room 10b	Fish
Open Door	19-99 yrs	Youth Center	
Armenian	General	Room 11	
Romanian	General	Room 13	
Pastor	General	Fellowship Hall	Mitchell Henson
SS Quarterly	General	Chapel	

Worship Options

<u>Option</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Sanctuary Service	Main Sanctuary	Every Sabbath
Romanian Service	Chapel	1st and 3rd Sabbaths
Armenian Service	Chapel	2nd and 4th Sabbaths

Activities

<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Sequence</u>
Bell Choir	Youth Center	Friday at 8:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room	Sabbath at 9:15 am
Pathfinders	GAMC Gymnasium	Tuesday at 6:45 pm
Sunshine Singers	Room 10b	Sabbath at Noon
Bible Study	Council Room	Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Church Directory

Pastors

Mitchell Henson, Senior Pastor
Denise Kasischke, Family & Children Ministries
Michael Quishenberry, Pastor of the Parish
Hovik Sarrafian, Armenian Senior Pastor
Vartkes Azadian, Armenian Associate Pastor
Constantin Balan, Romanian Senior Pastor

Officers

Head Elder	Douglas Schultz
Head Deacon	Skip Foster
Head Deaconess	Eleanor Posner
Church Board Chair	Robert Marsh
Sanctuary Choir Director	Brenda Mohr
Organist	Kemp Smeal
Children's Choir Director	Lissie Quishenberry
Bell Choir Director	Ariel Quintana
Secretary	Victoria Lucero
Treasurer	Dean Vendouris
Church Clerk	Mindi Rüb
A+ School Principal	Anoosh Keshishzade
Pathfinder Leader	Warren Dale

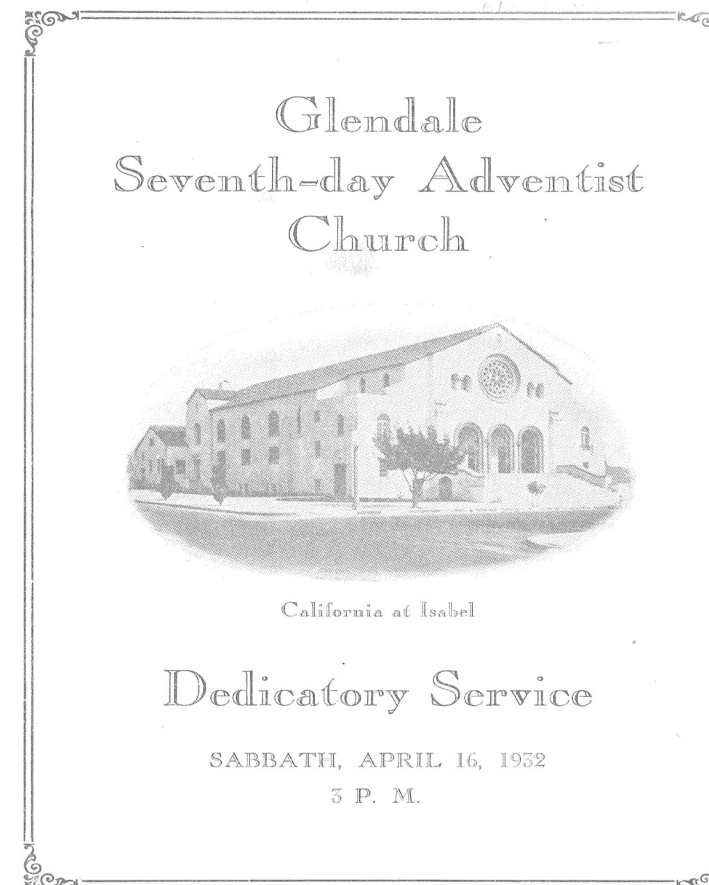
Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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One Hundred Years of Grace 1906 - 2006

"Up from the Ashes"
1930 - 1940



Bulletin cover of the original 1932 Dedication Service

Seventy-four years ago to the month, this church building was brand new. A fire took the previous building and the congregation pulled together enough money to have the building completed debt-free in two years. It was dedicated with a special service on April 16.

*"O Father! design these walls to bless,
Make this the abode of righteousness,
And let these doors a gateway be,
To lead us from ourselves to Thee."*

April 22, 2006